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Official Diary  
(Acting DD/I)

Saturday, December 20, 1952

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25X1A9a 1. Conferred briefly with [REDACTED] on the telephone and then with [REDACTED] on O/CI assistance to DD/P in the summary of intelligence on magnitude of Russian external propaganda effort. Stated flatly that Wisner's people had hogged the show and after wasting several weeks, had now come up with a goose egg; nevertheless, we would do the best we could to get the necessary data together.

25X1A9a 2. Conferred with [REDACTED] on ceilings. Stated that I wanted to get this matter settled quickly and particularly to obtain DD/A's concurrence while the effect of my special plea to DCI still lasted.

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25X1A9a 3. Gordon Dean, Chairman AEC - orally through [REDACTED] - requested DCI's advice on his proposed reply to a request from Mr. Borden, Counsel to the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy for Dean's "personal opinion" as to the USSR's relative progress in the race to develop a Hydrogen bomb. DCI indicated that he had no interest in personal opinions. Therefore, I told [REDACTED] to advise Dean that his reply should include no intelligence to which the Committee did not otherwise have access through its receipt of periodic estimates of the JIEC. I was concerned because Mr. Borden's request was classified only Restricted (in the ordinary sense), not Restricted Data, so there appeared to be some danger that a serious leak might develop as to the studies of our intelligence in this field. Dean's draft reply was upgraded to Secret, so it should be all right, but it appeared that some action should be taken with respect to the substantial number of other persons to whom Borden addressed similar requests.

25X9A5 DCI called me back, regretted his curtness and heard the full story. Agreed Borden had done a [REDACTED] thing and directed me to write over his signature a strong letter to Dean. Conferred with [REDACTED] and worked out a draft for trans-25X1A9 mission Monday.

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4. Conferred with [REDACTED] and authorized him to undertake a real investigation into the NIS program.

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